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Property rezoning request riles residents

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The protests and objections of numerous nearby residents apparently prompted officials from NorthRidge Church last week to withdraw a request for the rezoning of 24-acres of vacant Plymouth Township property.

A crowd of residents concerned about proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance attended a special study session of the board of trustees last week and soundly denounced the plan to construct a residential development on the land owned by the church.

The land abuts the long-established neighborhood of many of the residents who protested the requested zoning change. Their concern was the requested change to the Cluster Housing Option (CHO), initiated by the mega-church located on North Territorial Road in the township.

> *According to those familiar with the plans, Grand Sakwa has proposed building 78 homes on the site.*

The study session took place at the request of the developer, Grand Sakwa, seeking design alternatives for a planned development of single-family structures. Grand Sakwa, one of the largest real estate developers in the Midwest, also purchased the 100,000 square foot former Super Kmart property at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty in the township.

Under current township rules, the church property is zoned to allow for the construction of eight homes. According to those familiar with the plans, Grand Sakwa has proposed building 78 homes on the site. The firm has yet to exercise an agreement to purchase the property and has petitioned the township planning commission for zoning ordinance amendments known as density bonuses. Residents claim granting unbridled cluster housing bonuses is a risky game that could change the complexion of the township open-space concept, allow other developers to follow suit and leave the township open to litigious developers.

NorthRidge Church was represented by former church general counsel Bryan Amann who is now the attorney for Grand Sakwa. Amann filed the application as the owner-agent and requested the township planning commission approve changes to the CHO. Amann is also the church Spiritual Formation Director. The subject changes are known as Text Amendments versus Zoning Changes. The commission members approved the amendments

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Circuit Court Judge Thomas Cameron administers the oath of office to new Conference of Western Wayne officers, from left, Chairman Robert Nix, Treasurer Byron Nolen, Secretary Pat Williams, Vice Chairman Kerreen Conley and Chairman Emeritus LeRoy Burcroff.

Wayne Conference names new officers

The Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), an association of 18 chief elected local officials, has selected the 2019 leadership team. The CWW 2019 Executive Committee comprises of Chairperson Supervisor Robert Nix II (Northville Township), Vice-Chairperson Mayor Kerreen Conley (Belleville), Secretary Supervisor Pat Williams (Canton Township), Treasurer Mayor Byron Nolen (Inkster) and Chair Emeritus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff (Romulus), who led the CWW the last year. The committee was sworn into office by the Honorable Thomas Cameron.

"I am truly grateful to serve the 18 communities in Western Wayne County that make up this organization," said Nix. "Our board has met monthly for nearly four decades, to take positions on state and federal legislation and county matters. Our primary focuses include: local government, public safety, substance use prevention, transportation and community and economic development. Our region is the most populated in the county and we pride ourselves on working together to promote Western Wayne."

The CWW is a bi-partisan group that works collectively to discuss mutual issues, share information and generally improve the quality of life for the nearly 700,000 residents who live in the region. CWW also serves as the 911 Service District for Western Wayne County.

The CWW communities include the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

"All of our 700,000 residents and 340 square miles are impacted by the decisions and laws that are made at the federal, state and county levels", said Nix. "It is vital that we continue to collaborate in order to create the best solutions possible to the challenges we face."

The 18 members of CWW selected the new leadership at a board meeting last month in Northville Township.

Grants to fund repair of bridges

Grants will fund upcoming repairs to bridges and sidewalks in Westland.

Earlier this month, members of the city council approved an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for rehabilitation services to begin on bridges located on Newburgh Road over Tonquish Creek and Ann Arbor Trail over the Middle Rouge River. The bidding process will be conducted through MDOT which will locate and provide contractors to complete construction on the existing structures.

Planned repairs include patchwork on the surface of bridges, repair to the approach and repair of the bridge guard rail.

Work will also include the removal and replacement of concrete on Newburgh Road between the bridge and Warren and necessary repairs will be made to the pedestrian bridge on the east side of Newburgh Road, according to city officials.

The majority of the project will be funded through a $500,00 grant secured through MDOT. The remaining $344,500 of the estimated cost will be funded through the city Major Road Fund.

Work is slated to begin in early May and reach completion in August 2019, weather permitting, officials said.

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Demolition of Main Street School under way

The $10 million restoration and repurposing of Old Village School on Main Street is now under way, according to a recent bulletin from Superintendent of Northville Public Schools Mary Kay Gallagher.

Preliminary activity took place at the vacant Main Street School last week in preparation for the demolition of that building and the sale of the property to a developer who plans to build four luxury homes on the site. The project will include a donation of land by the developer for a green space buffer between Old Village School and the property line, creating a pocket park on school district property.

> *Motorists and pedestrians should be mindful of construction vehicles that will enter and exit the demolition site off West Main Street and travel south on South Rogers Street to Seven Mile Road.*

The current timeline includes above ground demolition of the school building beginning Feb. 18 and is expected to last five to six weeks. Heavy trucks and construction equipment will be on site to load up and carry away demolition debris.

Motorists and pedestrians should be mindful of construction vehicles that will enter and exit the demolition site off West Main Street and travel south on South Rogers Street to Seven Mile Road, Gallagher said.

The Old Village School construction and renovation project and sale of the Main Street School property is the first in a $104.85 million, multi-year bond initiative approved by voters in 2017 that will touch every school.

"Lovingly restored, Old Village School is now home to five Early Childhood Education classrooms - with room to grow - on the building's first and second floors and the district's Central Office Administration on the third floor," Gallagher said in a letter to parents.

For additional information about the Main Street School demolition, email NPS@NorthvilleSchools.org or call (248) 344-3540. Regular Bond 2017 Construction Updates also are available on the district website at www.NorthvilleSchools.org.

Belleville - Romulus

New salon opens at Romulus Senior Center

A new hair salon is now available to cater to the needs of senior citizens who frequent the Romulus Senior Center at 36525 Bibbins.

The Friends of the Senior Center Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, under the leadership of Rose Swidan, collected $37,000 through several fundraising events so the salon could be created in a previously under-utilized section of the Senior Center. Swidan also serves as the director of Senior Services in the City Romulus.

Swidan said she came up with the idea after seeing a salon providing services to residents of a senior living facility in another community. The Senior Center had made haircuts available one day a month, but now services will be provided more frequently and in a professional setting.

"A salon is a good amenity to have at the Senior Center," Swidan said. "Our seniors will be able to take advantage of these necessary hygiene services at senior-friendly prices and a convenient location. They will leave with smiles on their faces."

Swidan added: "I'm thankful for all of the people who donated to the salon. We're very grateful for the full cooperation and support of Mayor (LeRoy) Burcroff and the city. We have been very blessed."

Burcroff was so impressed with the outcome that he talked about the salon and the foundation this month during his State of the City Address.

"Rose and the foundation have done a great job reaching their goal to renovate this space at the Senior Center. We are proud to have worked together and soon be offering a unique service and improved facility with no additional tax dollars," said Burcroff.

Architect Shirley A. Ghannam of Arconcepts, Inc. drew up the plans and General contractor Hittle Construction Co., owned by Mark Hittle, did a bulk of the work, converting a little-used storage room and an empty closet into the salon.

Local licensed beauticians will provide the services. The facility will also be handicap accessible.

Seniors without transportation can call within 24 hours and get a ride to the Center at no cost to access the salon and a variety other daily activities utilizing a partnership with SMART.

For more information on the salon and other activities at the Romulus Senior Center, call (734) 955-4120.

Belleville High School to host district robotics competition

For the second year, the FIRST Robotics District competition will take place at Belleville High School.

The competition for 40 First Robotics teams from schools throughout the state is set for 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. March 1, 8 and 9. This is the largest high school competition in the world, encouraging students to expand their horizons in science, technology, engineering and math while applying their skills. Nearly 7,000 teams around the world build robots with guidance from local engineers and mentors to participate.

The Belleville High School FIRST Robotics Team began three years ago. The teams have won two awards for one rookie team as well as winning a district competition.

The Belleville team is seeking sponsors for the 2019 competition. Sponsors will help add students to the team and help them learn the technological intricacies as well as the business aspects of making a purpose-built robot.

Donations will also help the Belleville High School team accommodate the hundreds of students from 39 local Michigan robotics teams who will compete at the event.

Sponsorship levels are available in amounts from $250 to $15,000 dollars, all with accompanying recognition and visibility.

For more information about sponsorships call (734) 697-9133 or visit bhsrobotics@vanburenschools.net or team6615.vanburenschools.net.

Clarification

The Jan. 31-Feb. 6, edition, a story about the Belleville Area Lions Club had an incorrect statement both on the front page blurb and the story headline about a grant on diabetes education. That grant is for District 11 1A which includes Belleville and other clubs.

GriefShare program set to begin at Five Points Church

GriefShare will offer a 13-week, nondenominational program that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 21 through May 16. Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find tools for coping with your grief.

Meetings will take place at the 5 Points Church in Romulus at 37300 Goddard and Huron River Drive. Participants may attend any or all meetings, although the most benefit is received through attending every meeting.

The DVD seminar/support group features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories by people who have experienced the pain of losing a loved one, followed by group discussion. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines.

Encouragement, comfort and coping tools in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend are offered. No matter what the cause of a loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are dealing with. You will learn how to recognize certain emotions that hinder your healing, how to handle insensitive people, and the symptoms of being stuck in grief. Grief-related handouts will be available each week.

Registration fee is $15 which will include a journal/workbook that coordinates with the DVD.

For more information visit www.griefshare.org or call (734) 941 1511. A promotional video can be found at https://vimeo.com/100993018.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT

TO: Xavier Remi-Francis Richard-Frost

You are hereby notified that on March 21st, 2018, pursuant to MCL 333.7521, the Canton Township Police Department seized the following described property: $984.00 U.S. Currency. If you claim an interest in the property you must, within twenty (20) days of the first publication of this notice, file a claim with the Canton Township Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, phone: 734-394-5400. Failure to file a written claim will result in the forfeiture of the seized items to the Canton Township Police Department.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 28, 2019 for the following:

CANTON HUMAN SERVICES CENTER ROOF AND SOFFIT REPLACEMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2019 for the following:

2019 MINOR ROADWAYS REHABILITATION

Bids may be picked up at the office of Northwest Consultants, Inc. 44978 Ford Road Suite A, Canton MI 48187, or you may contact Gary Schmitt at: 734/454-7566. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2019 for the following:

2019 MAJOR ROADWAYS REHABILITATION - ASPHALT

Bids may be picked up at the office of Northwest Consultants, Inc. 44978 Ford Road Suite A, Canton MI 48187, or you may contact Gary Schmitt at: 734/454-7566. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2019 for the following:

2019 MAJOR ROADWAYS REHABILITATION - CONCRETE

Bids may be picked up at the office of Northwest Consultants, Inc. 44978 Ford Road Suite A, Canton MI 48187, or you may contact Gary Schmitt at: 734/454-7566. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petition:

1. BZA-2019-001; **Vein Center** requesting variances from Section 48-7 of the Sign Ordinance to allow a second wall sign where only one sign is permitted and to allow the total area wall signage to exceed the maximum amount permitted. The subject property is located at 9950 Wayne Road (Parcel ID #80-065-99-0050-003).

Copies of the applications are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 2019

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb.
Excused: William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-020 2A. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 14, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-021 2B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 14, 2019 – Open Session, City Annual Financial Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
Mayor Pro Tem Barden spoke about the wonderful job the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee did on the MLK Day Celebration Program. City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg thanked everyone who participated in the MLK Day Celebration and she shared a picture Mr. Don McDonald painted capturing the spirit of MLK Day
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
19-022 5A. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into contract modification No. 6 for the Vining and Ecorse Road Construction Project with Dan's Excavating in the amount of $114,367.55. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-023 5B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with Comerica Leasing for the lease-purchase of a 2018 Spartan S-180 Pumper Truck in the amount of $430,274 at a fixed interest rate of 3.221% for four years with the first payment to be made August 1, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report
19-024 6A1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-20, Michigan Indigent Defense Fund which was introduced at the Council meeting of Jan.14, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-025 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to schedule a study session for February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, to discuss the City Quarterly Investment Report. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Communication
Councilwoman Talley announced the second annual Curling Royale event to be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 at Mary Ann Banks Park from noon until 3:00 p.m. – all proceeds to benefit Romulus High School scholarships for those students whose families have served in the military. Councilwoman Talley also gave a reminder of the upcoming Soul Food Dinner on Feb. 7, 2019.
19- 026 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-02 in the amount of $2,344,076.84. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 28, 2019.

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NORTHVILLE - WESTLAND

Northville Township names deputy police director

Paul Tennies has been named as the new deputy director for Northville Township Police Services.

"This promotion balances the staffing of the Northville Township Department of Public Safety in leadership consistent with the vision of the strategic plan, which advances our professional development strategy and maximizes operations," commented Director of Public Safety Todd Mutchler.

"Chief Tennies continues to build on his law enforcement career achievements with this promotion to deputy director for police services. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a commitment to service and an understanding of effective and efficient police practices. Most recently as our accreditation manager, he demonstrated a high aptitude in process management and implementation.

"He recognizes the complexities of policing in the 21st century while achieving the vision established by the township supervisor and board of trustees. In his new role, he will be responsible for the daily operations of police services," Mutchler said.

In his new position, Tennies will be under the general direction of Mutchler, and will perform administrative and tactical duties. He will be responsible for the development of personnel ensuring performance is met at a determined level of service, according to a prepared statement from the township.

Tennies began his career with Northville Township upon graduating from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in 2002. While assigned to the patrol division, he served as a field training officer, instructor in defensive tactics, radar and LIDAR, as well as a property officer. In 2008, he was assigned as a task force officer to a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force in Detroit. During his time with the DEA, Tennies was recognized by the United States Attorney's Office for his work. In 2012, Tennies was assigned to the Michigan State Police Western Wayne Narcotics Task Force as a detective. While with this task force, Tennies was recognized by the executive office of the President of the United States as the lead investigator for the 2014 National HIDTA Outstanding Marijuana Investigation.

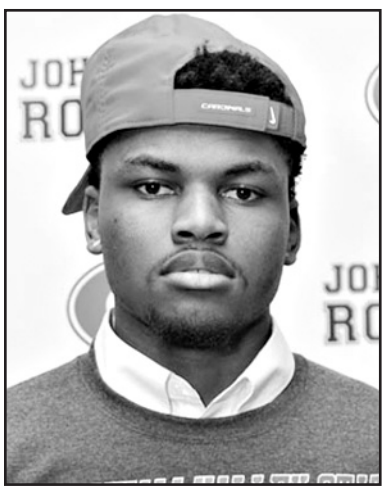
He was promoted to sergeant in 2014 and supervised the Northville Township Detective Bureau. During this time, he worked to enhance Northville Public School emergency response plans with the implementation of ALICE and was involved with policy change and training staff district wide.

Tennies was named the interim staff operations commander in 2015, and was promoted to lieutenant in early 2016. Since that time, he has served as the staff operations commander and most recently the patrol operations commander. In September of 2017, Tennies became the accreditation manager for Northville Township. He serves as an assessor for the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission validating agencies involved in state accreditation.

Tennies is a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police.

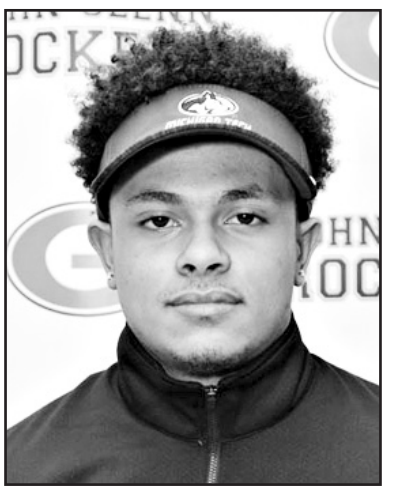
He has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Concordia University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in Homeland Security Management & Technology. In 2015, he graduated from the 31st class of the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command. He is a certified trainer in Situational Leadership, and has attended the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police New Chief's School and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Michigan Police Executive Development Seminar.

Deputy Director for Police Services Paul Tennies



Dante Barthwell

Chad Stevens



Jared Tarrance

Lee Williams

John Glenn seniors sign college letters of intent

Four students from John Glenn High School in Westland signed national letters of intent Feb. 6, officially committing to colleges that recruited them in specific sports.

Dante Barthwell has committed to Saginaw Valley State University for football and has been recruited as a running back. Barthwell has a cumulative GPA of 2.8 and has played multiple sports (football, basketball and track), during his four-year career at John Glenn and has excelled in all three. Barthwell plans to pursue a degree in sports management or business.

Chad Stevens has committed to Hillsdale College for baseball as a pitcher. Stevens has been a three-sport athlete at John Glenn for his entire four-year career. In addition to baseball, he is also a varsity basketball and football player and has been a varsity starter in all three sports and earned multiple awards/honors. Stevens is an academic letter recipient and has a cumulative GPA of 3.98 for his career. He plans to pursue a degree in sports management.

Jared Tarrance has committed to Michigan Tech University for football and has been recruited as a defensive back. Tarrance has participated in multiple sports throughout his career and has excelled in all three. He is a top-ranked runner in the 400m in the state and has also been a member of the basketball team. Tarrance has a 4.05 cumulative GPA for his career and is an academic letter recipient. He plans to pursue a degree in chemical engineering.

Lee Williams has committed to Notre Dame College for football and has been recruited as a defensive lineman. Williams has been a member of the football team for four years and is a two-year starter on the varsity team on both the offensive and defensive line. Williams has earned a 3.07 cumulative GPA for his high school career and plans to pursue a degree in biology.

Grants

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Westland also received a $225,000 grant through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to construct new sidewalks on the south side of Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

Work is estimated to begin mid-June and reach completion by the end of August 2019, weather permitting.

"We are excited to receive these much needed funds which will allow us to begin work during the upcoming construction season on two major Westland thoroughfares," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "These projects will allow us to increase safety and accessibility for pedestrian and vehicular traffic as we work to revitalize our community's infrastructures."

"The Nocerini Strategy Group was very pleased to learn of these grant awards," commented Lisa Nocerini, who provides Westland with grant writing services.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing to or in writing to the Board of Review. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 13, 2019 by 9:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Monday, March 11, 2019	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 12, 2019	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 13, 2019	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Please be advised that after 4:30 p.m. entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call the Assessor's Office at 734-394-5111.

Michael A. Siegrist, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton Township

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS;

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 28, 2019, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Greg Greene, Chairman
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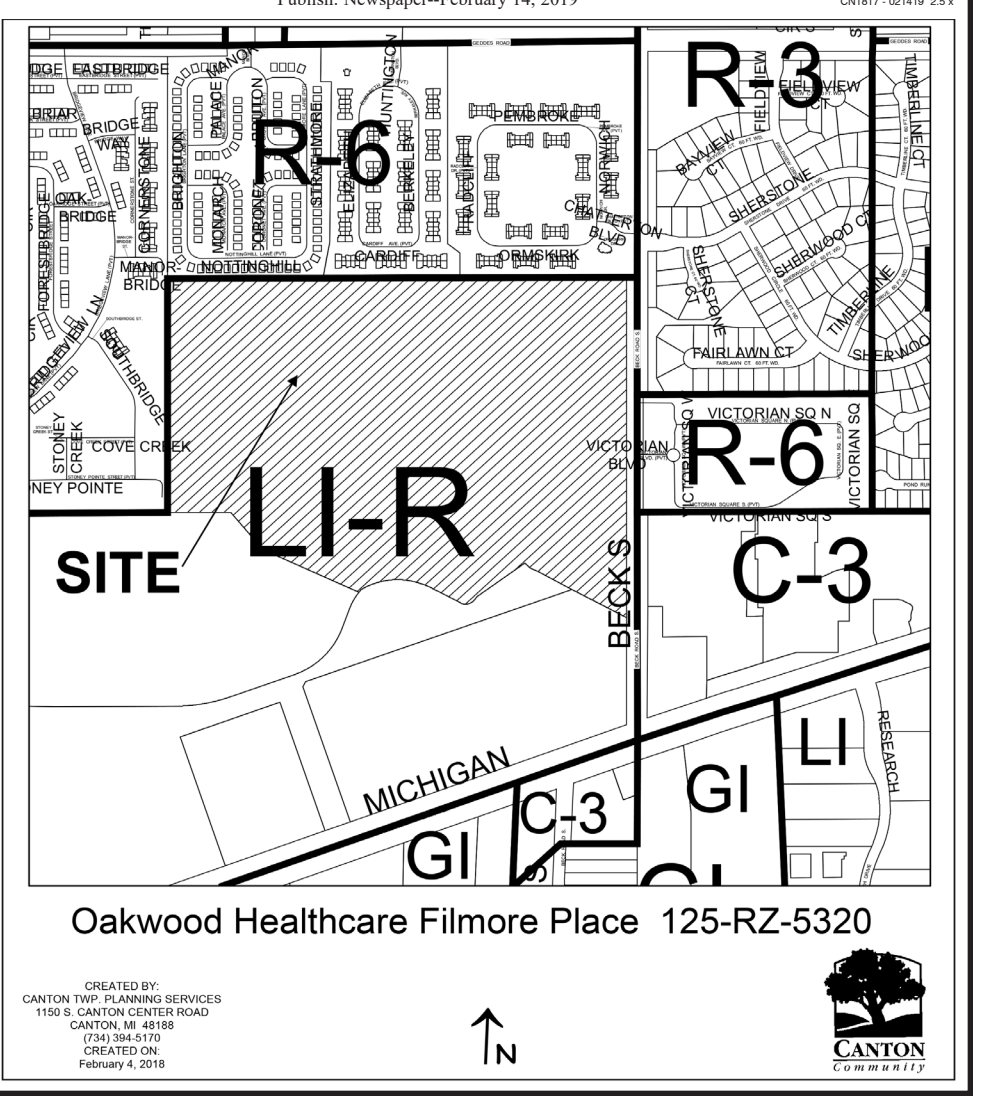

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Canton - Plymouth

Students radio station record show set

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Learning and life skills are all in a day's work for Plymouth-Canton students at WSDP-FM 88.1 The Park.

Fiona Hughes and Sam Badger can attest to that. Both are 17 and Canton High School seniors. She is program director and he is operations manager at the student-operated radio station.

"My mom and I were driving" and tuned into the student-run station. "She turns to me and said 'You've got a big mouth.' It is the best decision I made," Badger said.

Badger and Hughes, speaking recently at the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club, cited radio station friendships made at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"You go to school with 6,000 kids, it's easy to get lost. The people in that line are still my friends today," he said of his freshman audition.

"88.1 has truly changed my life. I thought I was going to be working behind the scenes," Hughes said. She, too, was urged to join the station by her mom.

"We learn how to write stories that matter to the community. Those skills carry on in whatever career you go into," she said. She will study marine biology at Coastal Carolina University, and also works on the Perspective student newspaper at PCEP.

Bill Keith, station manager, praised Hughes and Badger, as well as their classmates who operate the station, owned by the school district.

"Our mission is to use local resources to invest in the lives of young people," Keith said, praising Plymouth-Canton school district and community support of the station which has been on the air for 47 years.

Keith studied telecommunications at Michigan State University.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 16, in the Salem High School cafeteria the student station will sell a variety of vinyl records and other items to raise money. Regular admission to the Record Show is $3, with Plymouth, Canton and Salem High School students holding ID admitted free.

Interested dealers can contact Keith at (734) 416-7732 or by email at bill.keith@pccsk12.com.

Keith noted that more than $19,000 was generated from the annual auction last May and his appreciation of Community Financial Credit Union sponsoring the upcoming fundraiser. His student broadcasters have been Marconi Award finalist four of the five past years which impressed media pros.

"They just about faint," Keith added, when they hear of the success and talent of the students.

Hughes said the play lists on the station are designed to please the local listeners.

"It"s (the play list) based on what listeners say they like." The station, based at Salem High School, is 300 watts and did a 1980s frequency swap with Eastern Michigan University.

During the 88.1 The Park Record Show last year, student staff members including Emma Menebroker, left, and Serafine Hinz, were all smiles as collectors and vinyl record enthusiasts browsed. The show is set for Saturday at Salem High School.

Thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, t-shirts, posters and other collectibles will be on display when 88.1 The Park presents the 11th annual 88.1 Record show on Saturday.

Proceeds will benefit the nationally-recognized student radio station. The show will feature special giveaways and door prizes in addition to a wide-variety of vendors. The radio station expects to build on the success of the show last year which was the largest ever with a crowd of more 420 people attending.

Much of the success of the show can be tied to the resurgence of interest in vinyl records, according to Keith.

"Some people would like you think that music is all digital now, but the record show proves that all wrong.

It's amazing to see so many music fans, from all generations, together in one place, said Hughes.

Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads. The Salem High School cafeteria is located on the first floor, just inside the main entrance to the school.

Rezoning

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on a 5-2 vote in December with board Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who serves as the liaison to the commission, and commission member Keith Postell casting the negative votes.

The church, established in Detroit in the 1950s as Temple Baptist, now has a following of 20,000 members and the huge auditorium-like building can seat more than 3,000. The church has a history of a rocky relationship with the township concerning zoning restrictions. In 2011, NorthRidge and the township ultimately agreed to a Federal Consent Judgment following a dispute.

The two upscale subdivisions most affected by the proposed development, Plymouth Commons and Fox Pointe, were represented at the study session by association appointed attorneys. The lawyers claimed members of the planning commission were motivated to accommodate Grand Sakwa and that they erred in their decision to move the changes forward. The attorneys for the subdivision residents claimed the ordinance change was unreasonable.

Joseph Van Esley, a township resident and real estate broker who lives near the church property, is a member of the township board of review. Speaking at the last two meetings of the board of trustees, Van Esley said he felt the applicants were going through the "back door" to allow for extra density and "manipulating the township zoning ordinance."

"How many communities has McKenna given the community absolute discretion on density for cluster ordinance? If you're going to re-zone, re-zone it, don't leave it up to somebody's discretion," Van Esley said, directing his comment to Lara Haw of McKenna Associates, the contracted urban planner for the township.

During the meeting, Township Supervisor Kurt Heise announced that NorthRidge had withdrawn the pending application for change that night. He said the proposed changes were more restrictive to potential developers than before, but there was still a need to update the ordinance.

"The trend in Plymouth Township is toward these kind of single-story 'active senior' empty-nester homes. They've always been controversial, and it's time to update the Cluster Housing Ordinance to make sure we balance these housing trends with community expectations. Doing nothing may get you momentary applause but it doesn't address development for the 2020s," Heise said after the meeting.

Shawn Wolford, president of Plymouth Commons Homeowners Association, said she was pleased with the outcome of the study session and the fact that NorthRidge had dropped the application.

"We're very happy. We've got some good homeowners here."

Wolford said her homeowners association members had seen concept drawings and the Grand Sakwa plan that had but one-road for entrance and egress, "and the homes were but 10 feet apart." She said it was rumored that NorthRidge had threatened to "develop low-income housing or a charter school" on the site if the rezoning requests were blocked.

She said her concerns included increased traffic, power usage and water, schools and property values if the township approved cluster homes for the NorthRidge property.

Township Treasurer Mark Clinton said he's not opposed to cluster housing as an option for residential development.

"We have a number of examples in the township where the cluster housing option enabled the preservation of natural amenities, allowed for open green space, and provided buffers for adjacent properties.

"What I am opposed to is bypassing the zoning ordinance in an effort to jam as many houses as possible on a small parcel of land under the guise of a cluster housing option. "We have very few parcels of land left in Plymouth Township that are undeveloped. We have to be very careful and selective in how that land is developed," Clinton explained.

"I'm glad that I called for a study session to gain more public input and ideas on this important issue," Heise said.

"This was the fourth public meeting on the proposed text amendments and the township board and planning commission gained valuable insight. The process was completely transparent under the law and everyone had a chance to be heard. The proposed amendments will be sent back to the planning commission for more study and more public discussion," he concluded.

Library marks Black History Month with documentary

Canton Public Library is celebrating Black History Month by screening Alice's Ordinary People, a documentary on the grassroots start to the Chicago civil rights movement. The film, followed by a discussion led by director Craig Dudnick, will be shown from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the library.

Alice's Ordinary People follows the efforts of Alice Tregay, a grassroots organizer of the Chicago Freedom Movement, as she started working against Willis Wagons, which brought Martin Luther King, Jr. to Chicago, to the Operation Breadbasket picket lines and voter registration efforts.

Tregay taught a political education class about running political campaigns, which brought about a new way of thinking. It sparked the idea that to make real change, the movement needed candidates in office.

"She showed that by starting from the beginning and building a solid foundation, you can overcome seemingly impossible problems," Program Librarian Laura Fawcett said.

Dudnick calls Tregay a "selfless and brave woman" and connects these grassroots efforts to the election of the first Chicago African American mayor who eventually drew future President Barack Obama to the city.

"I hope that this film inspires the viewers to not only make their cause our cause; that we, too, are capable of achieving great things if we are only able to put heart and soul into the effort, as did those who came before," Dudnick said.

No registration required. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Visit www.cantonpl.org or call (734) 397-0999 for information.

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Arson caused fire at Inkster strip mall

The fire that damaged several businesses in a strip mall at Inkster and Cherry Hill roads in Inkster Feb. 3 has been ruled arson by investigators.

The entire front half of the complex was destroyed including a marijuana dispensary and a tax service. Police have released surveillance photos of a man with six plastic jugs of what investigators believe is gasoline or some other type of accelerant used to set the structure on fire.

Police are asking the public for information in the identification of the suspect who is believed to be between 6-feet and 6-feet, 4-inches tall with a light complexion. The man appears to weigh about 180-200 pounds, according to police descriptions. Surveillance video shows the man fleeing the scene by running through an alley after igniting the fire.

Police said that most of the rear of the buildings was saved. Multiple area fire departments battled the blaze, according to official reports.

There were no injuries reported in the fire.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Inkster police at (313) 563-9850. Callers can remain anonymous.

New officers

David R. Cox, above, was selected by his fellow members of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to serve as board president for the 2019 calendar year. The board members also chose Melandie Hines to serve as vice president; Mark Neal as secretary and Tom Buckalew as treasurer. Carol Middel, Shawna Walker and Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D. are the remaining board trustees.

Head Start program receives grant funds

Starfish of Western Wayne was among eight organizations in three southeast Michigan counties that received $1.1 million in grants from the Community Foundation Head Start Innovation Fund.

Since 2013, the Head Start Innovation Fund has promoted innovative program models and collaborative partnerships that increase the quality of Head Start programs and improve overall outcomes for vulnerable children and their families, according to a statement from the organization. This latest round of grants continues support for nearly 9,000 young children and their families enrolled in local Head Start agencies in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Nine grants totaling $1.1 million are going to the following organizations:

Four equal grants of $150,000 were provided to Matrix Human Services, Metropolitan Children and Youth, St. Paul Tabernacle Head Start Agency, and Starfish, for a total of $600,000. These investments, all focused on agencies serving children, strengthen programmatic offerings related to recompetition of federal Head Start funds. The grants support professional development efforts to improve classroom assessment scoring system (CLASS) scores and address teacher recruitment and retention.

Five agencies in the Tri-County area received $100,000 each to support local Head Start programs. The grants are: Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, serving Wayne County; The Guidance Center, serving southeast Michigan;; Starfish-Western Wayne, serving Plymouth, Inkster, Livonia and Redford, for support for teacher development and retention strategies to provide reward and recognition to employees and mentoring for new staff; Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency and Macomb County for support for teacher retention strategies

"Through the Head Start Innovation Fund, the agencies have been working together to address short and long-term opportunities which are systematic across the city and region, especially as the Detroit agencies prepare to recompete for federal support," said Katie Brisson, vice president, Program, Community Foundation.

Snack donations sought by school center

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Family Resource Center has launched a Snacks for Success Initiative.

Staff members at the facility are collecting school snacks for district students who do not have the means to bring their own snacks to school. While the school district provides free breakfast and lunch for all K-12 grade students, many students are also allowed to bring in a snack to have during the school day.

To help students achieve, the resource center staff said they believe that supporting students with the extra snacks will help them concentrate on learning.

Donations of non-perishable, pre-packaged snacks such as: dried fruit or fruit roll ups; applesauce; crackers; veggie chips; juice boxes; goldfish; high protein snacks; easy mac and peanut butter are being sought.

Donations can be dropped off at John Glenn High School or Adams Upper Elementary School. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks can be made out to Family Resource Center.

For more information, contact Bridget Jarvis at (734) 419-2431 or jarvisB@wwcsd.net.

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Calendar of events

Family support group meets

The Northwest Wayne County Chapter of Families Against Narcotics offers a support group for those with a loved one addicted to drugs or alcohol.

Meetings take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Meetings begin with a whole group discussion followed by small conversational groups centered on individual concerns.

Meetings take place at the Canton Municipal Complex, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

For further information contact jacalynsanders@aol.com

St. Patrick's Soiree set

Tickets are now on sale for the Night for Northville St. Patrick's Day Soiree hosted as a fundraiser for the Northville Educational Foundation.

The foundation annually awards multiple grants to teachers and programs in the Northville Public Schools.

The event will take place from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile Road in Northville. There will be an open bar, entertainment by the Shawn Riley Band, Irish dancers, a silent auction, a wine pull raffle a photo booth and other amusements.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.supportNEF.org.

AARP tax help offered

Volunteer tax aides from the AARP Foundation will offer free tax preparation services to seniors at the Northville Community Center starting today through April 12. This service has been offered to the community for at least 10 years at the Community Center.

The tax aides are certified for tax preparation.

Appointments typically take 1 to 1-½ hours. Taxpayers will get a copy of their e-filed returns. Only personal tax returns, not business tax returns, are processed.

Tax preparation is by appointment only, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (248) 305-2851 during business hours to schedule an appointment. A volunteer will return your call with information about required documentation and confirmation of appointment time.

Music students to perform

The Harris Conservatory of Music will host a Valentine's Student Jam at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17.

Students and teachers will perform musical selections.

Admission is free.

The event will take place The Plymouth Roc, 1020 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 415-8250.

Philharmonic set to swing

The Michigan Philharmonic will bring the house down with music from Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Harry Warren and more Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The concert will feature great songs such as "Chattanooga Choo Choo, "As Time Goes By, "Take the A Train, and "Get Happy".

Detroit vocalist, Lauren Norris will join the orchestra to help everyone get in the spirit.

Norris earned her Master's in Musical Theatre Performance from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and a BA from Marymount Manhattan College. She has performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and been featured on a BBC radio broadcast working internationally with a wide variety of artists. Norris is a Michigan native and graduated from Salem High School.

For tickets : www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Miz Rosie to appear

Miz Rosie the storyteller will present a program of African-American and African folktales with African instruments beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the Romulus Public Library.

The evening will include stories and music from around the world. The Black History Month program is funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

The program is free.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For information call (734) 942-7589.

Mayor is luncheon speaker

Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff will be the speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce February Business Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19.

The luncheon will take place at the Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport, 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus. Seating is limited and reservations are requested by Feb. 15.

Reservations are available by calling (734) 893-8654 or at admin@romuluschamber.org.

Lions Club hosts speaker

Members of the Belleville Area Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Ted Scott College of Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road, in Belleville.

Speakers will discuss pediatric cancer. For information, call (248) 390-9233 or balclionjo@comcast.net.

Special exhibit reception set

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will host a special exhibit reception and Gallery Talk with acclaimed photographer Lisa Spindler and Art&Soul Dreams Founder and Executive Director Melissa Parks from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20.

The mission of Art&Soul Dreams and the dedication of the organization to children in foster care will be discussed. The event is free, no registration is required.

The exhibit will continue through Feb. 28. Visit the PCAC website for gallery hours or call (734) 416-4278 for more information. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 www.plymoutharts.com

Tickets on sale for Comedy Night

The Plymouth Men's Book Club will host Comedy Night in Plymouth beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at The Golden Fox Clubhouse at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center.

The event is a fundraiser for the ChadTough Foundation and will feature comedians Billy Ray Bauer and Gary George. Emcee for the event will be Chuck Gaidica.

Tickets are priced at $175 for couple for reserved seating. For tickets or information, phone Dan Herriman, (734) 216-5934; Dave Latawiec (734) 751-5544; Jim Jabara, (734) 564-1573; Mike Workman, (734) 740-8404; Ron Lynn, (734) 788-7864 or Fred Hill, (734) 417-9797.

Black History Bus Tour set

The City of Romulus will present the annual Black History Bus Tour featuring stops along the Underground Railroad beginning with registration at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

Boarding of the bus at Romulus City Hall parking lot will begin at 10:20 a.m. and the tour will return at 12:30 p.m.

The cost is $2 per person with those 12 years of age and younger admitted at no cost. Registration is required through the office of Mayor LeRoy Burcroff at (734) 942-7571.

The parking lot is located at 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Anyone with pertinent information about the tour is asked to send it to tcofield@romulusgov.com or call Tanya Cofield at (734) 941-8665.

Alzheimer's is topic

Dispelling the Myth of Alzheimer's will be the topic at a Health Ministries Sabbath set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

The speaker will be Edna Andrews Rose, PhD, MSW, RN, BC of the Department of Neurology at the University of Michigan.

The seminar will take place at Sharon SDA Church, 28537 Cherry St. in Inkster where the Rev. Errol E. Liverpool, PhD is pastor.

The seminar is open to the public and lunch will be served.

For more information about the seminar, contact Lucy Byrd at (313)293-9753 or lucybyrd2@gmail.com.

"Even if you don't have diabetes or have a low likelihood of developing diabetes, chances are that someone very close to you does or will," Byrd said.

Nature bus stops at library

The Howell Nature Bus will stop at the Romulus Public Library from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23. The program will be about Snowy Owls.

Following the program on the bus, there will be hot cocoa and a craft inside the library.

The activity is funded by a scholarship from Spirit of Alexandra Foundation in memory of Alexandria Bennett.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Baked potato dinner served

The Belleville Community Chorus will host a Baked Potato Dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Open Arms Lutheran Church.

The event is a fundraiser for the chorus. A minimum donation of $7 is requested.

Open Arms Lutheran Church is located at 7865 Belleville Road in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 697-1763 or (734) 740-4165.

Jazz trio to perform

Barbara Ware with the Cliff Monear Trio will perform from 7-9:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325.

There is a $10 donation which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

Community Sing scheduled

The Belleville Area District Library will host a Community Sing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, hosted by WDET personality Matt Watroba.

All skill levels are welcome. This is not performance, just singing, organizers said.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

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